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Only 11 more days of Pottsgrove, Allen and Davis.

Perhaps the Illinois legislature had better not let Congress Nation to examine the Davis bill.

It is hardly fair to say that the loss of the democratic party for Abraham Lincoln "corporates the loss of Abraham."

Whether Waldersee was bluffing or not may never be known but his course had the effect of making the Chin Chin Chinaman busts.

Candidates for the spring election are showing connectivity and the indications are that a large number will go before the primaries.

There was a time when the nation had trouble with Kansas but now conditions have been reversed and Kansas is having trouble with the Nation.

The president has just given a dinner in honor of the supreme court. It is now in order for some Republians to rise and explain that this was done to influence the court in the Porto Rico and Philippines cases.

Mrs. Nation has made herself believe that her impeachment is the devil's work. This presents another of those confounding cases the truth of which will never be known unless Charlie Divine old walks out of prison in defiance of locks and dookeys.

The reorganization of Cook county property is a delicate and difficult matter but the gentleman who want to go to congress from the new districts are doing their part to simplify matters. They propose to move into the new districts when ever it becomes necessary.

According to latest reports Cook county and Lake county will be conceded 10 of the 25 congressional districts under the new apportionment. This is perhaps equitable but it seems that Cook county with its compact population has too much power for the best interests of the state.

General Stetler has at last been recommended for promotion which removes a great load of responsibility from the shoulders of the minority. If the Sampson-Bellay matter were not settled they could then return to their constituents and celebrate the fourth of July and sing the dookeys.

If ex-Senator Gorman had his liberty living follows success in depriving the colored voters of Maryland of the rights confered upon them by Lincoln and the republican party, they will be able to invoke the principles of the Declaration of Independence and applaud Lincoln with renewed fervor.

There is still some question whether the Democrats in the late campaign succeeded in proving that that Roosevelt shot a squirrel in the back at the battle of San Juan hill. Pottsgrove should at once introduce a resolution requesting the senate to wire to transmit to the senate all papers bearing upon that matter.

## ACKNOWLEDGMENT TO SENATOR YATES.

In his speech of Wednesday, says the St. Louis Star, Senator George G. Yates of Missouri, styled the ship subsidy bill as a part of the republican protective tariff system.

The Star is particular in crediting Mr. West to Missouri, for, with regard to many things, Missourians are proud of their senator. Whatever the gentleman may be, on general principles, he is truthful and in every a so-called statesman, truthfulness embodies the very quintessence of honesty. Even Mr. West's most inveterate enemies cannot charge him with ever having called a ruse by any name.

The senator was honest enough to us over the secret designs of the democratic party in the Cleveland campaign. He said the policy was to "War, war to the knife, and the knife to the hill, upon all protected industries." For that declaration the people of the whole United States have cause to kindly remember him for it uplifted the eyes of American labor, and perhaps did more than anything else to defeat Cleveland.

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the republican scheme of protection, and if West's declaration to that effect will only arouse the Americans people to a knowledge of its truth then the honorable gentleman will have done another good turn in the interest of his countrymen.

When it is understood that the bill is in the interest of the whole people and not for the aggrandizement of the few, congress will be held to its place.

Thanks, Mr. West, thanks.

## THE RESOLUTION STATEMENT.

In applying the law in the matter of a countervailing duty as to Russia, although done in strict accordance in the statutes some statesman in congress immediately introduces a resolution wanting the administration to tell congress all about it. That statesman evidently fears the government is blabbering strong.

Another statesman wants to know all about MacArthur ordering Mr. Rice, an editor who persisted in bussing trouble in Manila, home. That statesman is also concerned lest the administration may overstep the mark in protecting the interests of the government.

Another statesman in congress wants the administration to disclose to congress how it happened that certain insurgent leaders were sent to the island of Guam where they can be kept from temptation to injure the government. Here is another where some two by four statesmen fears the administration may not be giving the enemies of the government every opportunity to injure it and forestall rebellion.

Other statements of this type are constantly watching an opportunity to introduce resolutions putting the administration to the witness box to inquire why it has done this and why it has not done another thing and what it intends to do.

The latest jockeying to institute an inquiry through a resolution wants to know of the administration whether insubordination may not be giving the enemies of the government every opportunity to injure it and forestall rebellion.

In fact every known measure for handling oil was adopted and there was the intended convenience for handling the output. Persons around Pottsgrove do not think that any other than the Standard Oil company could have handled the situation to that fashion.

The drill went into the oil Friday morning. The force of the oil threw it out of the well and into the air several hundred feet. When it struck the ground it was buried in the earth, lost and buried. Just how much oil was lost before a cap could be put on the pipe will never be known. As eight inch stream shot 100 feet into the air and the well continued to gush in this fashion for several days. Mr. Hoover says that he drove through a stream of oil in a buggy, crossing for two hundred yards, and for 100 yards the pure oil was over the hub of the buggy. This stream of oil was six miles long and as wide and deep every foot of the road as where he crossed. The amount of oil that gushed from the well and was wasted is estimated at 200,000 barrels and the cost of the crude oil is placed at 20 cents a barrel so that the owners of the well sustained a clear loss \$40,000 before they could control the out-put.

The people have not complained that they are to do this sort of work. The people are entirely satisfied with the administration. They have confidence in the president and his cabinet. The people have complained William McKinley to look after the interests of the nation and they are content to trust him and care nothing for those resolutions. He will be measured by what he does and will be held accountable for what he does wrong or what he fails to do, and they have no patience with those two by four statesmen who imagine they are on guard over the administration which they had no hand in selecting. It is small business done by mighty small men who never should have been appointed to sit in congress because they are unable to speculate a position where decency and dignity should be the first quality they possess.

THE LYON BILL.

## To Amend the Game Law Causes a Protest.

There is pending before the Illinois legislature a bill to amend the game law of this state. It is known as the Lyon bill. This act provides in section 1 that it shall be unlawful to hunt, etc., any kind of wild or game bird within the first day of January and the first day of September of any year, also that it shall be unlawful to hunt, etc., any wild game, duck, etc., at any time between the first day of January and the first day of September of any year. The object of the bill is to do away with all spring shooting, and it was introduced at the institution of the Illinois Game and Fish association.

The bill also provides that it shall be unlawful to kill any quail, prairie chicken or for squirrels for a period of two years. There is a further provision, that any person hunting on any other than his own land, shall have a license for that privilege.

The promoters of the measure say that their object, especially in prohibiting spring shooting of game birds, is to protect them from threatened extinction.

They argue that it is the killing birds so near to the breeding season that is likely to cause their extinction in this state.

In the northern part of the state there has been inaugurated a move against this bill. The objectors declare that the Lyon bill is at the dictate of those hunters who own preserves and are interested from selfish motives in preventing spring shooting in order that the preserves will afford them better sport in the fall. These objectors are seeking to have the numbers of game clubs and individual hunting parties to their representatives in the legislature to assist in killing the measure.

## The Election.

The spring election occurs on April 2, the first Tuesday after the first Monday. The township committee of the republican party will shortly meet and will name the day for the primaries. Candidates are beginning to make known their wants. The intent to come forward in Commodity Short Hall of the Mallet local squadron. He has trained his thirteen inch guns on the republican nomination for highway commissioner and is going to give a hard battle for the honor.

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## A GREAT GUSHER.

## Sample of the Beaumont, Texas Oil Shown Here In Decatur.

## A FORTUNE WENT TO WASTE.

A Stream of Oil Two Hundred Yards Wide and Six Miles Long—The Strike Was Made at an Unexpected Moment.

## WAS A BIG JUMP IN REAL ESTATE.

J. H. Hoover was in the city yesterday from Beaumont, Texas, and had with him a quart bottle of oil from the famous well that was discovered there a few weeks ago. Mr. Hoover tells some strange stories about the famous find. He vouches for their truth although they have no some respects an improbable sound. The well was found on property belonging to a man named Captain Foss, who with others had been prospecting to that locality for two years. The supposition in that section of the country now is that the man who pressed the trigger of a revolver that sent his little ones—the little boy who had been shot into another world, along with the wife for whom he had labored and worked all his years.

But it was Sam Moore who committed the crime, declared Attorney Green.

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To make women weep by a powerful sight of misery has been accomplished time and again. But when a man can so plead, his voice one moment ringing at its highest pitch, the next murmuring a sad story in pathetic tones, until strong men weep aloud in a scene seldom witnessed in a courtroom.

## JURORS ARE IN TEARS.

Down the chocks of the jury are used tears. Judge Puttough, on his bench overlooking all, fixed his eyes from the books of law and never changed his gaze until the attorney resumed his seat. The official court reporter even forgot his duties, and the score of newspaper men, looking on, could not bear to look at the scene.

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## ALARMING "DECLINE."

Great Falling Off in the Metal Industry of Great Britain.

Last Year Began with Enormous Activity, But Closed with Practical Suspension in This Most Important Trade.

A telegram received at the state department from the United States Consul General at Liverpool, Scotland, sets forth a alarming decline in the metal industry of Great Britain, calls attention to the lamentable lack of thorough business education among British business men, and discusses the most serious question as to whether the heavy export of coal from Great Britain will continue.

"There is the difference in the condition of the metal trades at the beginning and at the end of last year," the telegram says, "would be to contrast the former activity and practical stagnation. The depression is attributed to a fall in prices on metals, all along the line, but chiefly to effects of American iron and steel at reduced prices which the consul states, came into the market last autumn with great effect. What made the difference for British producers, he believes, was that Germany, having shipped over from America in the summer, became alarmed

and sent out a recall of American

goods, and the general acknowledgement of the crisis in the metal trades. Hearing quotes from British papers, which state that the steel trades have gone into a decline, the outlook is appalling; the effect of foreign competition, however, is the most serious, and it is before the country can tell what the outlook

is that the general says Mr. Pleming, that the manufacturers for not

knowing what was going on in all

the details of production where it can

be known, and blames the work

of the foreign manufacturers for

the general decline.

As a result of practical instruc-

tions in the schools, the consi-

dered the accepted opinion here

is that Britain is far behind the

United States and Germany. On this

subject, the editor on transmits news

of the progress of the liberality

of American citizens in the

United States, and the

importance of such an

education, concluding that this gen-

eral is the part of wealthy Ameri-

cans in the development of the

United States.

NEWPORT IS PURITANICAL.

Board of Police Commissioners to

enforcing the Sunday Close

Law.

Newport, the queen of summer res-

orts, is going back to the Puritanical ways of its fathers, or at least to a step that was taken

in the early days. Although the city has a mayor, the management of its affairs is left to a police commission, and not to the election of the Sun-

day in question the police shut up all

news-stands, cigar and candy stores,

and the police were given orders to

keep everything shut.

It is understood that the commission will enforce the law at the end of the coming summer, and that Sunday excus-

es may prove to be landing.

A long time ago, in sympathy

with the town, the number of

people who have been mean to test

the enforcement of the law in this

way. Since the action of the com-

mission, however, by the courts, even

the police are getting strict.

The closing of the street cars may

be stopped. It is understood that

May 1, P. Garrison is not in sym-

pathy with the movement, but he is

done.

RICH WEDDING GIFTS.

Presents Sent to the Princess of the

Asturias. Valued at \$100,000

Shown in Madrid.

We give a present to the princi-

ess of the Asturias.

Nearly 1,000 boys and girls are

hired by the city council of Liver-

pool to sell newspapers, matches,

and tobacco, upon the streets. Be-

fore the licensees are granted consent

must be obtained of parents and

guardians, as well as of the local

school officials. The age limit for

boys is from 11 to 16 years and for

girls from 11 to 14 years. No child is

allowed to peddle in the streets after

nine o'clock in the evening. All must

be decently clad and free from phys-

ical defect. No business must be

done during school hours.

Farm Labor Scare.

Farm hands are as scarce in Ger-

many that difficulty is experienced in

finding enough sugar beets to supply

the demands of the factories.

The dresses are exhibited in endless

variety in the shops, combining lace,

and silk, and soft, delicate veiles.



## WHITE LOGIC.

DWIN FORREST was once drilling a stupid "super." In despair Forrest exclaimed: "Can't you say it as I do?" "No," said the man; "if I could, would I be working for \$5.00 a week?" If you asked a cheap yellow soap to do the work of Ivory Soap the reply might well be: "If I could, would I sell for half as much?" Ivory Soap, being pure, costs money, but not more than a pure soap has to cost.

## Deeds Recorded.

1. M. Summers to Barbara K. in trust, 2 in Beaumont's addition to the city, \$10.

2. Powers to Mrs. Humphries lot 1 in Hunter Bros' addition to the city.

3. K. Kever to Thos. A. Pritchett in his width of lot 11 of the west addition to the city, \$1.

4. Springer to Richard A. Conroy, 1/2 of the south-west quarter of the second quarter of section 22, \$1.

5. T. L. Landenberger to George and neophytes his husband to their son in the south-west quarter of section 27, town of Elkhorn, \$1.

6. Wulff to C. W. Hastings lot 9 in Wood's subdivision of blocks in the city, \$1 in Gillick's addition to the city.

7. Dr. Appleman.

Will sell his office, Room 6, Dr. Appleman's office, Room 6, Feb. 20. See advertisement in this paper. The doctor has been in this office about nine years and enjoys the confidence of the people. He has done well.

This doctor always depends upon us, as he will not take care unless we give satisfaction. In the treatment of grippe he treats all forms of chronic and diseases and insures good results. We who need his services should not miss this visit, as no early treatment will maintain health and happiness.

Office Moved.

We have moved our office to No. 111, West Main street. The Mitchell Bank. We will be in the office of Louis and Charles, real estate brokers, real estate and personal security. Also we buy and sell. A. P. Summers & Son.

Race Meeting at Champaign.

1st Crown of Arcola will manage a meeting July 1 to 4 in Champaign. The commissioners have authorized the required \$1000 and Crown will offer \$2000. He had good success last year in a similar meeting he gave at Arcola, Champaign, hoping to make it an annual meeting.

Farm Sold.

In the settlement of the H. A. Taylor estate a farm was sold yesterday to satisfy a claim held against the property by this trustee. The land in question is about 60 acres in the Sharon church. It was bid by William Sawyer for \$70 per acre.

MOTHER AND CHILD

Let the mother take Scott's emulsion of cod-liver oil for the tea, it is almost never supersitious.

One can eat for two; but nourishing two is a different thing; it implies a degree of vigor, strength not often found in woman of either sex.

Luxurious people are not very strong by habit, and over-eaten people are weak from exhaustion in some of their functions. Between the two is the happy mean; but how many women have plenty of tea for two?

The emulsion is almost never superfluous.

The girls of Binghamton, N. Y., have a solved out to take so much dextrose. This will properly mortify the flesh and also give the young men a chance to come to the point.

No-Tu-nee pure sugar peach.

Guaranteed tobacco habit cure, makes weak, transmuted, blood pure.

Dr. Miles' Palm Pills and Nervine, cure.





## CHILDREN TELL

## TO FIX SCHOOL LAWS.

Proposition to Bring Order Out of Present Chaos.

They Were Permitted in the Machine Room of Norman's Laundry.

## OFTEN FED THE BIG MANGLER

Victim of the Accident Dies on the Stand and Tells How He Lost His Arm.

## HIS MOTHER IS THE NEXT WITNESS

In the circuit court Thursday the time was devoted to the case of Homer Bartholomew, age 13, of Decatur. A joint resolution on this work was introduced Tuesday by Representative Timmons. Speaker Sherman is personally interested in it, so there is every reason for thinking it will be passed.

The school laws of Illinois are in a chaotic condition. Acts to provide for special cases and emergencies have been passed until there is a hopeless tangle of statutes.

There is no unity, no harmony in the state's public school system.

The state university exists under one act; another statute governs the normal schools; city, town and country school districts under diverse and conflicting laws.

The people pay for high schools and there is not a law of law to determine what a high school is.

The school law revision commission is intended to attack the problem of uniting these conflicting and isolated acts into a homogeneous and comprehensive law, binding together all educational agencies which the people are paying for. Legal establishment of some of the modern improvements in education and having full title of all property was not allowed in the laundry. Afterward when he was questioned by the attorneys for the prosecution he said that he had merely been fired from one department by the foreman, and he had to go to another, who had a right to fire him, so he was not allowed in the laundry.

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There is an demand for example, that the bright pupil of the country district, as well as his cousin of the city, should have as much as a high school education, and this brings up the question of whether his tuition should be paid by the state, the country, the township or the school district from which he comes.

Consolidation of districts in thinly settled communities, transportation of pupils to and from school in the country, as in Ogle, and a hundred similar in Illinois will be in the bill.

The resolution creating the proposed commission takes care that five of the seven members shall be practical schoolmen.

The state superintendent of schools and the president of the state university are made members of the commission; of the others, one must be a principal of one of the state normal schools, one a county superintendent of schools, one a member of the house of representatives and one a member of the senate.

The courts had frequently held that extreme and repeated cruelty must consist of physical force or violence on at least two different occasions. However the higher courts had never been asked to decide this point alone and Mr. Johns appealed the case. In his brief presented to the appellate court Mr. Johns, among other things, said that the acts charged in this bill inflicted upon a horse would render the defendant liable to conviction under our statute for cruelty to animals.

And that if it be the law of Illinois that there must be direct act of physical violence, then a husband living with his wife in a miserable dwelling on a farm, remote from neighbors, might take from her necessary clothing, remove the doors, windows and roof, without laying hands upon the woman, but her agony by standing impotently in the door and repeat this inhuman conduct any number of times to infinity, etc.

They will be expected to complete a report for enactment of their resolution in time for the session next Wednesday.

The boy, old as he is, has been ordered to the laundry, and has never been sent to the public school, as it was a dangerous place. He had been sent to Mr. Norman in the laundry, but the butter had never sold anything to his account. Keeping out of the laundry, when the boy had come to the laundry, the laundry court adjourned for a day.

The majority of the wives were working girls who had been in the laundry for years. This forenoon the master of the boy, at the time of the accident, was for want of the room in which he was sent, still in the laundry.

Among the witnesses Thursday were the boy, who was a ranger, 7 to 10 years old. All of them were either fathers or sons of women who had worked in the laundry, living in the laundry several days ago and in no expectation for payment, but died before the operation was performed.

The relatives were sent back to Moweenquin for interment and the funeral will never be arranged this time. The father of the boy, was killed in this city eight years ago. The father was at that time employed as a section hand on the Illinois Central and was killed by a train near the same track.

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The order is carried on the dockets as follows:

## CHANCELLOR.

John H. Tracy vs. Jacob W. Bartholomew, age 13, of Decatur, filed by complainant, a boy, and defendant, his step-father, for a decree of divorce and a custody of the child for the wife of the complainant. Defendants' bond \$2,000.

## LAW.

W. W. Howell vs. L. Block; attachment, Motion to plaintiff for new trial. John W.蒙古 vs. Melvin Weller; administrator, apportionment appeal. Trial court, day was waived and date of trial set for March 6. Settlement of trial date for March 6. Defendants' bond \$2,000.

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